

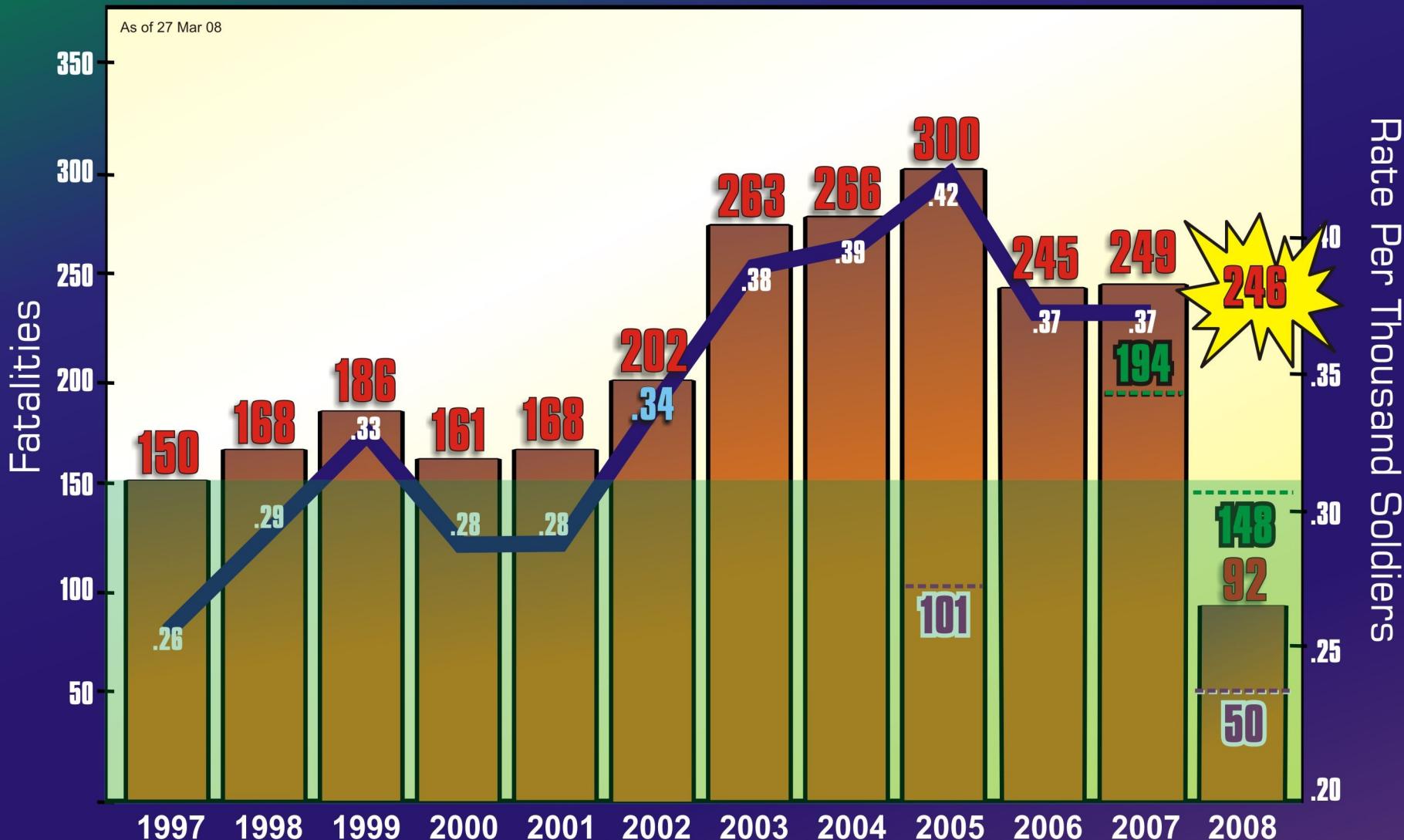


# Army Safe is Army Strong through ENGAGED LEADERSHIP

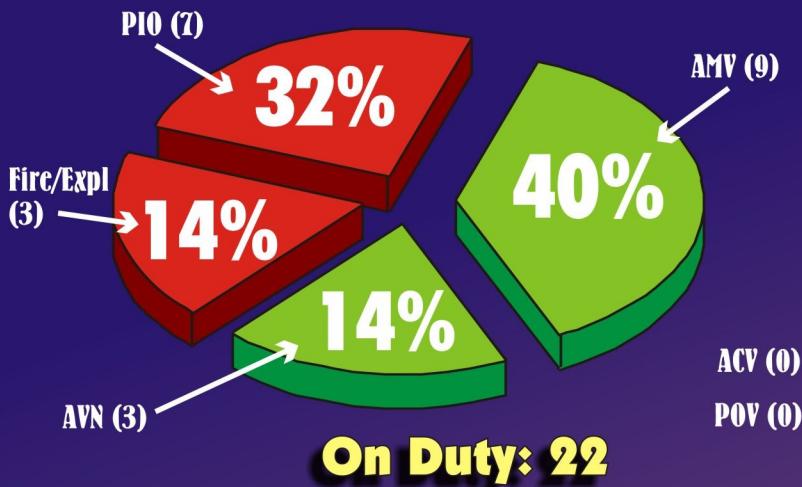
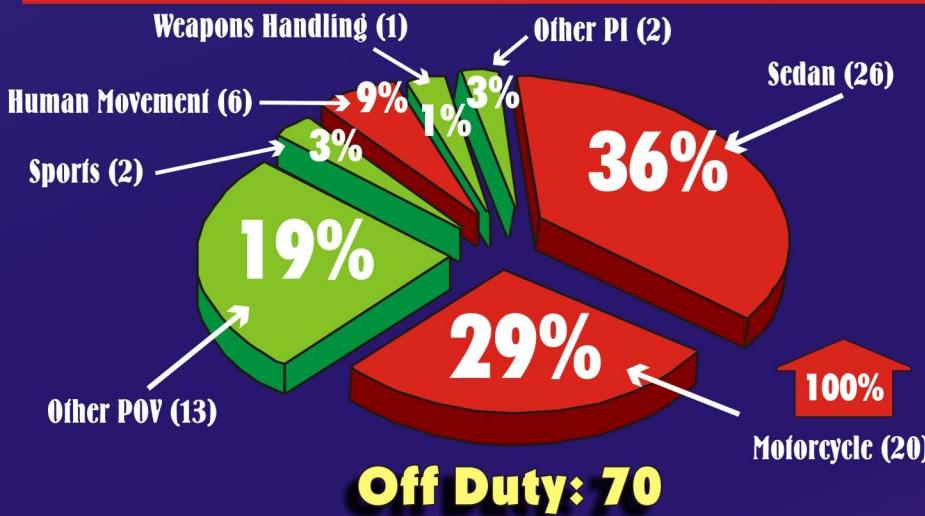
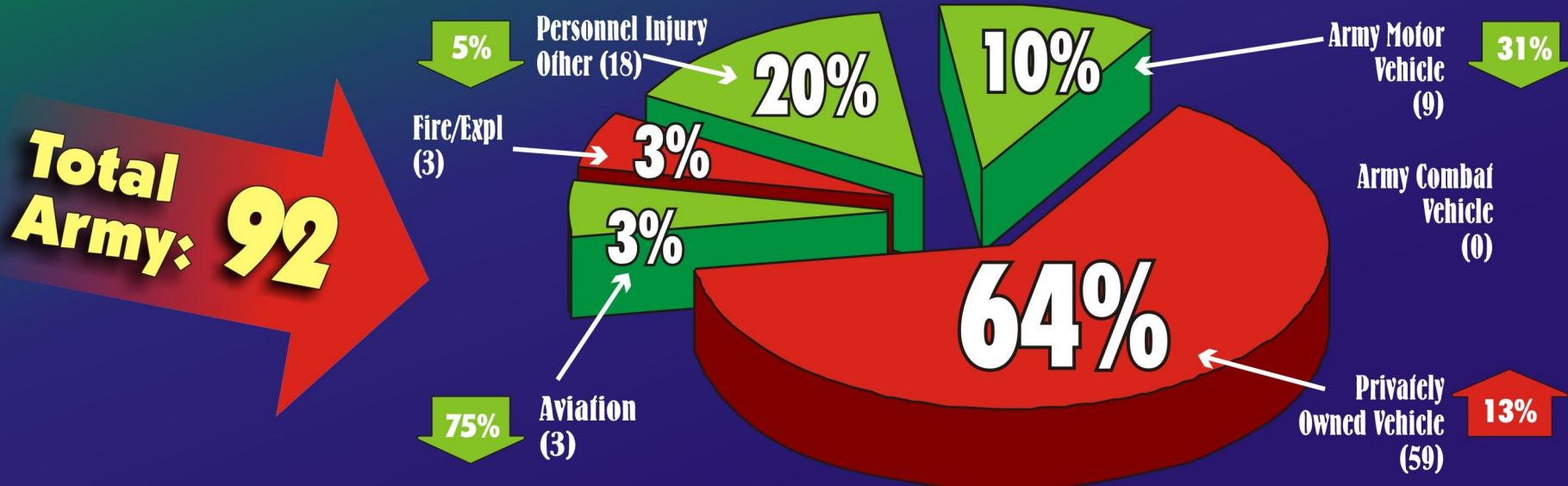
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# Soldier Accidental Fatalities



# FY08 Soldier Accidental Fatalities



Note: "Other POV" now includes Truck, SUV, Van, Moped & ATV.

As of 27 Mar 08

## Trends

- Assumption of low-risk missions
- Aircrew coordination failures
- Inadequate mission planning
- Overconfidence/Complacency

## Best Practices

- Leader Engagement
  - Increased Leader awareness of hazards involving low-risk missions
  - Ensure "low-risk" missions are low risk
  - Mission planning and approval process/06 involvement
  - Visibility on crew selection versus mission profile
  - Change crews based on mission change (current crew may not be experienced)
  - Enforce standards and discipline; accept nothing less
  - Minimize waivers
- Aircrew Coordination Training-Enhanced (ACT-E)
  - Available via AKO
- Re-Deployment Plan
  - Maximize simulator use: focus on EPs and IMC

# GROUND

## Trends

### Tactical Vehicles

- M1114 Rollovers
- Excessive speed, failed to stay alert
- Chose not to use seat belts

### Weapons Related Injuries

- M2 machine gun headspace and timing
- Firing range accidents
- Negligent discharges

## Best Practices

### ■ Kuwait Driver's Training Course

- Incorporates non-tactical vehicles and the ASDT program
- M1114 driving course, simulation, and HEAT

### ■ Advanced Driver's Training Course

- Replicates mission scenarios (IED reaction, convoy ops, etc.) roads, and terrain features in theater
- Gunner's restraint
- Vehicle Inter-Communication System (VIC-3)

### ■ Driver's Training Toolbox: Use the USACRC Toolbox to enhance unit driver's training program

### ■ Dry/Blank fire rehearsals prior to live fire exercises

### ■ NCO Board Safety Papers: As part of the promotion process, Soldiers submit a paper on how they would prevent accidents

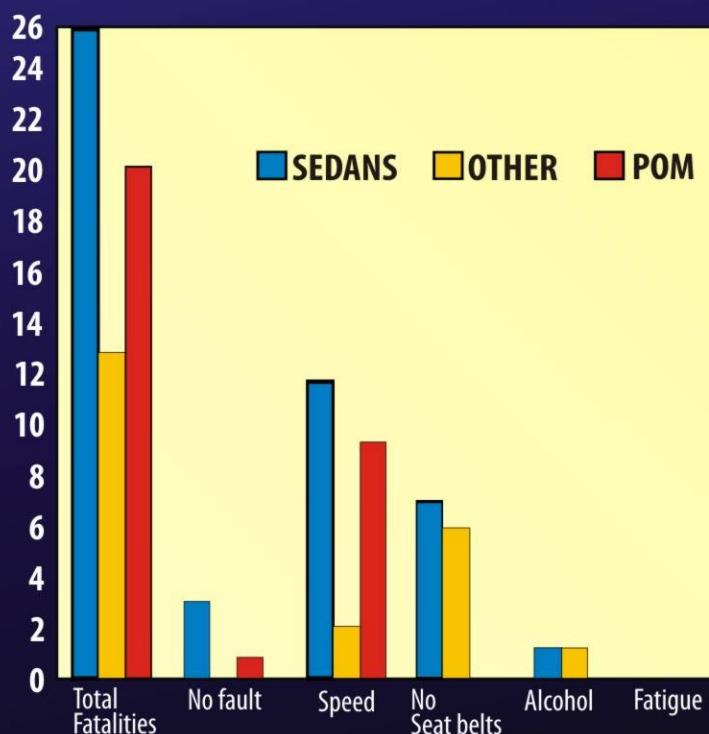
### ■ Implement "Battle Buddy" concept - especially off duty

### ■ Land Navigation Course TTPs: Tracking vest that provides real-time data on Soldier's location

# DRIVING - An Army Life Skill

## Sedans

- 3 out of 4 are E1-E4
- 1 out of 4 is a Leader (E5-06)
- 80% are 18-24 years old
- 16% are 25-32 years old
- Most happen in the local area
- 88% Driver / 12% Passengers



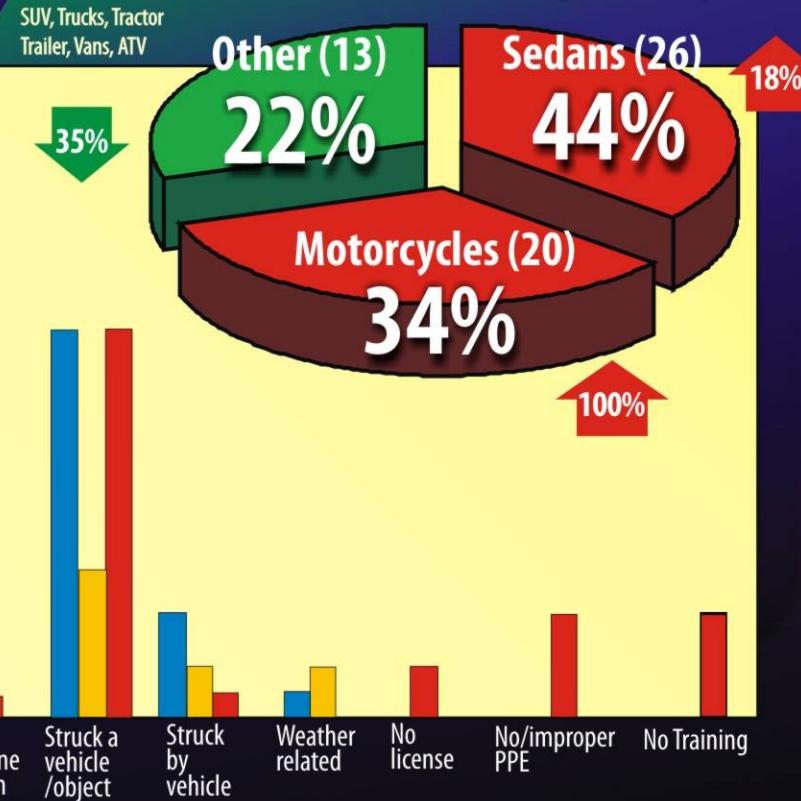
## Other

- 62% are E1-E4 / 38% are Leaders (E5-06)
- 62% are 18-24 years old
- Most happen in the local area
- 62% Driver / 38% Passengers

## Motorcycles

- 40% E1-E4 and 30% 18-24 yrs
- 60% are Leaders (E5-06) / 70% over 25
- 14 of 20 involved Sportbikes

## FY08 POV Fatalities (59/52)



# DRIVING - An Army Life Skill

## Trends

### POV/POM/Other

- 4 out of every 5 fatalities involved speed or loss of control
- 44% are Leaders (E5-06)
- 71% struck an object/vehicle

### POM

- 67% are E-5 or higher; 1 in 3 is a senior Leader (E7 and higher)
- 87% involved Sportbikes
- 40% were not licensed or had not attended MSF training

## Best Practices

### Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS)

- Engaged Leaders counseling Soldiers
- Four times less likely to be in a fatal accident

### Motorcycle Mentorship Program

- Implement and support the program
- 57 units/installations with 1,800 members
- No known fatal accidents in MMP group rides

### Army Traffic Safety Training Program

- Ensure all Soldiers who ride have the time to attend a Basic/Experienced rider course
- Track compliance at unit level to ensure successful completion

# Army Safe Model

40% Accident Reduction

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*Leaders*

**ON DUTY**

*Soldiers/Peers*

**OFF DUTY**

*Families/Community*

**Ongoing, New, Future Programs/Initiatives**

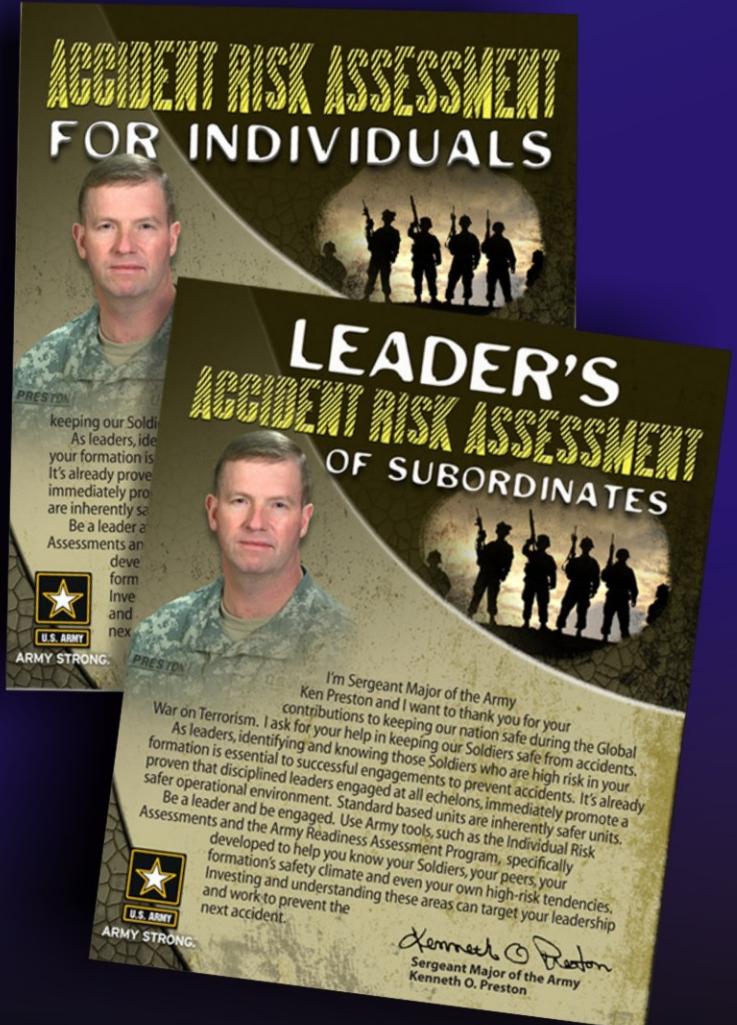
**Training and Education**

**Standards, Principles and Imperatives**

**Safety Climate and Culture (Leader Engagement and Band of Brothers)**

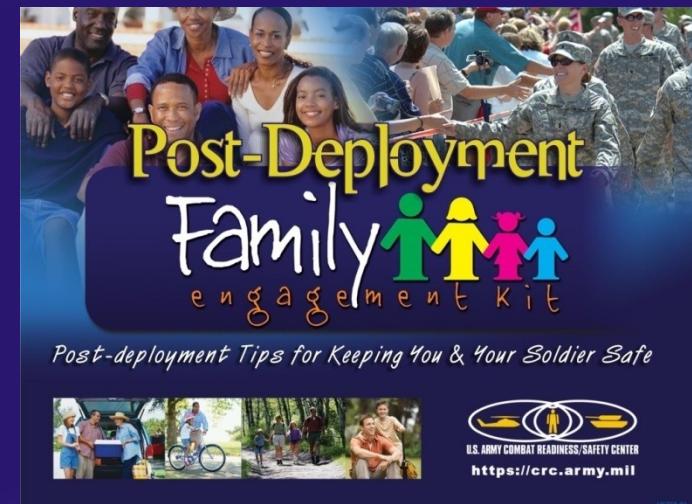
# Individual Risk Assessment Tool

- Provides awareness for individuals on their personal level of risk
- Provides leaders with awareness of their subordinates' risk level
- Helps quantify risk potential and focus on intervention and prevention strategies
- Promotes leader interaction with individuals
- Downloadable in PDF format from USACRC home page



# Family Engagement Kit

- Post Deployment Safety pamphlet
- Family Engagement PowerPoint Presentation
- Training Support Package
- Handouts:
  - Motorcycle mentorship program
  - Family use of TRiPS
  - POV check ride for rusty drivers
  - Mid-leave Soldier check-in
  - Motorcycle/ATV agreement with PPE information



# BOSS Safety Factor Kit



- Designed for Soldier's use to engage others in matters of personal and group safety
- Training safety package in PowerPoint presentation
- Five handouts targeting critical areas of unsafe behaviors
- "Battle Buddy" information



We know accountable leaders, engaged  
at the correct/appropriate echelon,  
immediately save lives and promote  
change in our Soldier's culture, instinct  
and intuition for our future.

**Leaders Stay Engaged**

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**EDGE**

*Leading on the Edge*

**Leadership - Discipline - Standards**



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